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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is submitted in response to the outstanding Office Action dated September 13, 2001, in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The present application was filed on August 30, 1999 with claims 1-22. In the outstanding Office Action dated September 13, 2001, the Examiner rejected claims 1-22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,715,526 (hereinafter "Weaver").

In this response, Applicants traverse the §102(b) rejection. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks.

The present invention as set forth in each of independent claims 1 and 8 calls for determining the power level of a forward-link signal in a wireless system for a measurement interval using power-indicative signal characteristics, where the measurement interval has "a duration smaller than or equal to the time period in which at least one power-indicative signal characteristic can change." Applicants have indicated in their specification at, for example, page 7, lines 16-23, a number of advantages associated with the claimed power level determination methods: